

Preface

This publication was prepared by the Office of Highway Information Management, Federal Highway Administration. It provides a general historical summary of information dealing with highways, their use, and their financing, thus bringing under one cover a comprehensive statistical review of highway development in the United States through 1995. The information presented in this volume supplements and, in some instances, supersedes similar data presented in the five earlier Highway Statistics Summary publications. Included are statistical and analytical tables of general interest on motor fuel, motor vehicles, driver licensing, highway-user taxation, Federal aid for highways; State and local highway finance, and highway mileage and usage characteristics. A listing of the data is given in the table of contents and a brief description is given in the text accompanying each section.

Each section in this publication includes information for 1995 (except that local government finance data end with 1994) and each has been carried back as far as possible, the earliest year being dependent on the availability or relevancy of information. Where not otherwise apparent, data for Alaska and Hawaii are included in summaries for 1959 and subsequent years.

The data presented have been obtained largely from Federal and State annual reports, and through the cooperative efforts of Federal, State, and local officials, particularly those of the State highway agencies.

Within the limited space offered by a single volume of this size, only the most widely used data could be presented. The Internet version of this Summary will contain additional data as it becomes available. Tabular series concentrated on current rather than historical data are found in Highway Statistics, published annually since 1945. Most of the earlier editions are out of print. Limited quantities of this edition and the 1995 Highway Statistics are available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402:

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